

**MICHIGAN HOMES FOR VETERANS**  
**Board of Managers Minutes**  
**September 12, 2013**

The 1,395<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Managers of the Michigan Home for Veterans was called to order at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 12, 2013 at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans by Manager Meyers, Chair.

**PRESENT: Managers:**

Ernest Meyers, Sr., Chair	(VFW)
Mary Wilseck, Chair pro term	(AMVETS)
Gerald Cool, Secretary	(DAV)
Richard (Chic) LaFave, Member	(VFW) – via teleconference
James Ausdemore, Member	(Independent)
Robert L. Johnson	(The American Legion)
Lino B. Pretto	(Independent) – via teleconference

**EXCUSED: Administrator, Sara Dunne**

**GUESTS:** Harold Cool, Douglas & Joan Broek, Sonya Valkenburg, Frank Kozegi, Kim Olinger, Gregory McNeal, Shawn Wilson, State Adjutant from the DAV, Department of Michigan.

Also present at the meeting Grand Rapids Home for Veterans staff, Gary Davis, Brian Stedman and Dr. David Edger, and Brad Slagle, Administrator D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans (via-teleconference), Jim Dunn, Deputy Director, MVAA, and Patricia Howard, Assistant Clerk of the Board.

Invocation was given by Manager James Ausdemore.

**OPENING CEREMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance.

This meeting has been posted pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Act of 1976 – The Open Meeting Act – on the bulletin board in the corridor adjacent to the Volunteer office, main building, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. A notice of this meeting was also posted in the lobby of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

**I. PUBIC COMMENTS:**

Gregory McNeal requested that his previous conviction be overturned. Stated that he has fulfilled the boards' requirements of seeking guidance through the psychology department and his paperwork supports this. Stated that he has been coming around for the last three months without incident. Manager Meyers stated that Mr. McNeal is in violation orders of not being allowed on the premises until he had appeared in front of the Board.

Manager Cool made a motion to table Gregory McNeal's appeal until the October 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting when the board can have more detail information on the issue, supported by Manager Wilseck, all present approved, motion carried.

Mr. McNeal requested Boards' permission to attend guitar lessons until a decision on his appeal is decided. Manager Meyers will meet with Gary Davis and Dr. Edgar and get back with Mr. McNeal before the meeting is over.

## **II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Manager Cool, supported by Manager Ausdemore to approve the minutes of the meeting held by the Board of Managers on August 7, 2013 all present approved, motion carried.

## **III. POLICY REVISION REVIEW**

### *BP-012 – Member Medical Expense Funding Policy*

Motion was made by Manager LaFave to accept Policy BP-012 as presented, supported by Manager Cool, all present approved, motion carried.

### *BP-016 – Member Assessments*

Motion was made by Manager Ausdemore to accept Policy BP-016 as presented, supported by Manager Johnson, all present approved, motion carried.

## **IV. ASSESSMENTS, REASSESSMENTS AND ADMISSIONS AND POPULATION REPORT– GRAND RAPIDS**

Motion was made by Manager Ausdemore to accept the Assessments, Reassessments, Admission and Population Report as presented, supported by Manager Wilseck, all present approved, motion carried.

## **V. FINANCIAL ISSUES – GRAND RAPIDS**

**Board Funds** – Status Report of the In-House Funds, statement of changes in Fund Balances and Cash Donations were reviewed. Motion was made by Manager Johnson, supported by Manager Ausdemore, all present approved, motion carried.

**State Funds** – The Revenue and Expenditure Report was reviewed. Motion was made by Manager Wilseck, supported by Manager Ausdemore, all present approved, motion carried.

## **VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Motion was made by Manager Johnson to accept the Administrative Report as distributed, supported by Manager Cool, all present approved, motion carried.

**VII. DIVISION REPORTS**

Motion was made by Manager Ausdemore to accept the Division Reports as distributed, supported by Manager Johnson, all present approved, motion carried.

**VIII. ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENTS, REASSESSMENTS AND ADMISSIONS AND POPULATION REPORT– MARQUETTE**

Motion was made by Manager LaFave to accept the Assessments, Reassessments and Admission and Population Reports as presented, supported by Manager Cool, all present approved, motion carried.

Brad Slagle reported that currently they are down two vacant beds and they are getting close to 100% full.

**IX. FINANCIAL ISSUES – MARQUETTE**

**Board Funds** – Motion was made by Manager Cool to accept the In-House Funds, Statement of Changes in Fund Balances, Cash Donations and State Funds Reports as presented, supported by Manager Ausdemore, all present approved, motion carried.

Brad Slagle reported that the July expenditures exceeded the receipts and this was due to spending a little over \$10,000 out of the Military Relief Fund used for renovations and purchase new furniture in the day rooms (to make the day rooms look nicer for the members).

**State Funds** – Motion was made by Manager Cool to accept the State Fund briefing reported by Administrator, Brad Slagle supported by Manager Johnson, all present approved, motion carried.

Brad Slagle reported that the revenues and census has been good. They are working on the year end work making sure that all expenditures are accounted for. Marquette and Grand Rapids are working together to jointly figure out the year end close for both Homes.

**X. COMMANDANT/DIVISION REPORTS**

Motion was made by Manager Johnson to approve the Commandant/Division Report as presented, supported by Manager Ausdemore, all present approved, motion carried.

Brad Slagle reported:

- Mentioned his appreciation for Managers Meyers and Ausdemore for attending the National Association of State Veterans Homes conference and showing their support for taking on the presidency of the association.
- Also thanked Jeff Barnes and James Dunn for being at the conference as well.
- Started the ground breaking on the chapel entrance and the family courtyard.
- Dr. Edgar from Grand Rapids visited the Home and completed a peer review.

Board formally congratulated Administrator, Brad Slagle on his elevation to President of the National Association of State Veterans Homes.

#### **XI. DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS UPDATE**

Jim Dunn, Deputy Director MVAA stated that he had nothing to report this month.

#### **XII. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S UPDATE**

Nothing to report.

#### **XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**Grand Rapids - Update on Gift Shop** – Joan Broek reported that they are still dealing with the fire marshal.

Manager Meyers stated that he will contact Mr. Burri and ask for a written update on the gift shop.

**Marquette** – None

#### **XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

**Finance Committee Report** – Manager Johnson reported that the finance committee met this morning and discussed the chiller problems that the GRHV are presently having. Committee agreed to use \$400,000 of the \$500,000 in the FY 2014 Capital Outlay to D.H. Jacobetti Home and GRHV and use to replace one of the chillers.

Manager Johnson made a motion to use \$400,000 of the \$500,000 to replace the chiller for the GRHV, supported by Manager Wilseck, all present approved, motion carried.

#### **Maintenance Charges for 2014 (Assessment Rates) – Grand Rapids & Marquette**

Motion was made by Manager LaFave to accept the recommended Assessment Rates of Maintenance Charges for D.J. Jacobetti and Grand Rapids as presented,

supported by Manager Wilseck, all present approved, motion carried. Charges are as follows:

	<u>D.J. Jacobetti</u>	<u>GRHV</u>
<u>Veterans</u>		
Nursing	\$3,950	\$3,950
Domiciliary	2,330	2,150
Non-eligible Dom Vet	3,768	3,220
 <u>Non-Veterans</u>		
Nursing	7,100	7,000
Domiciliary	3,768	3,400

#### **Allotment of Post Fund 2014 –**

Motion was made by Manager LaFave to approve the Post -Fund Allotments for FY 2014 as presented for D.J. Jacobetti, supported by Manager Cool, all present approved, motion carried.

Motion was made by Manager LaFave to approve the Funding Allocations for FY 2014 as presented for GRHV, supported by Manager Cool, all present approved, motion carried.

#### **Board of Managers Meeting Dates for 2014**

1. *No Meeting January 2014.*
2. Wednesday, February 12, 2014 in Lansing, MI – Time & Place to be announced.  
*(Pending American Legion Legislators Meeting)*
3. Tuesday, March 18, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
4. Thursday, April 17, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m. at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.
5. Thursday, May 22, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.  
*(Pending)*
6. Wednesday, June 18, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
7. Thursday, July 17, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m. at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.
8. *No Meeting August 2014.*

9. Thursday, September 18, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. (*Pending-Volunteers Banquet*)
10. Thursday, October 16, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
11. Thursday, November 20, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
12. Wednesday, December 10, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

#### **Dependent Admission Approval – Marquette**

Motion made by Manager LaFave to allow the following admission to the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans as dependents in the following order - Elizabeth A. Carey, Thelma Carlson and Dorothy Windsand, supported by Manager Cool, all present approved, motion carried.

#### **Updates on projects for the Home**

Brian Stedman, General Service Director reported that they received a new schedule for the canopy project and the steel will be arriving the end of September and the installation of the steel October 6<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. Tentative completion of the project is slated for the first week in November.

Motion made by Manager Cool to authorize an architectural company to design and erect a plaque with the names of people responsible for the canopy project along with the governor's name, present board of managers and the past two board members (Willard Coffey & F. Gerrit Veldman) to be engraved on it, supported by Manager Wilseck, all present approved, motion carried. There will be a dedication ceremony for this completion project.

Brian also reported that on Tuesday there will be a walk-thru of Professional Services for the generator project. This is the second VA grant funded project for the Home this year. Thursday Brian Stedman, Eric Alderman and Walt Sullivan will be part of the evaluation committee to evaluate bids we received for the safety project. There were only three bids received.

The general contractor for the windows project is putting together a mock-up of three windows before the project is started or approved.

#### **XV. OPEN DISCUSSION**

The following was discussed:

- Additional handicapped parking for members and volunteers.
- Upgrading of Rankin building.
- Removing furniture in front of electronic emergency doors in Kozy Korners.
- Having different organizations to start a letter campaign to the governor, state senators and state representatives requesting additional funds for the Home.
- Trying to get more private monies involved from some of the larger corporations like G.M., Meijer, etc.
- Erecting additional smaller homes – Gaylord, Grayling, Traverse City and Detroit areas.
- Sunday at Marquette they are passing out Korean Certificates to the Korean War Veterans from the Department of Defense.
- Wednesday, three members from D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans will be traveling to Washington for the UP Honor Flight for World War II Veterans.
- Remember the Volunteers Banquet is tonight at the English Hills Country Club.

#### **XVI. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURMENT**

Closing invocation was given by Father Peter Vu.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

#### **BOARD MEETING DATES**

- A. Board Meeting Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
- B. Board Meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.
- C. Board Meeting Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

**THESE MEETINGS HAE BEEN POSTED PURSUANT TO ACT 267 OF THE  
PUBLIC ACTS OF 1976-THE OPEN MEETING ACT**

**Patricia Howard, Assistant Clerk of the Board**

Approved by:

  
Gerald Cool, Secretary Board of Managers

10-24-2013  
Date